

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of containment of odour and liquid in an inanimate place comprising the step of disposing in said place a disposable absorbent structure in the form of a sheet, said absorbent structure comprising an odour control means and having a water absorption capacity of at least about 0.06 grams per square cm.
2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said absorbent structure is a layered absorbent structure comprising at least one layer of fibrous material as substrate for said odour control means.
3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein said layer of fibrous material has a basis weight of between about 20g/m² to about 150g/m².
4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said absorbent structure is a layered absorbent structure comprising a first layer and a second layer of fibrous material and an intermediate layer comprising said odour control means.
5. A method according to Claim 4, wherein said intermediate layer comprises a water absorbing means together with said odour control means.
6. A method according to Claim 4, wherein said intermediate layer of said absorbent structure further comprises thermoplastic material.
7. A method according to Claim 4, wherein said intermediate layer of said absorbent structure further comprises particles of polyethylene.
8. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said water absorption capacity of the absorbent structure is from about 0.08 to about 6 grams per square cm.
9. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said inanimate place is a refrigerator, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, cupboard, wardrobe, waste bin, ashtray, picnic basket, lunch basket, sport bag, travel bag, laundry bag, or shoes.
10. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said odour control means is an odour control agent selected from the group consisting of carbonates, bicarbonates, phosphates, sulphates, carboxylic acids, carbon materials, baking soda, natural

and synthetic clays, kieselguhr, silicates, zeolites, diatomaceous earth, bentonite, starch, mucopolysaccharides, cyclodextrine and derivatives thereof, chelating agents, ion exchange resins, perfumes, pH buffering means, antimicrobial agents, and mixtures thereof.

11. A method according to Claim 10, wherein the level of said odour control agent in said absorbent structure is from about 10 gm-2 to about 600 gm-2.
12. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said water absorbing means is an absorbent gelling material.
13. A method according to Claim 12, wherein said absorbent gelling material is hydrolyzed acrylonitrile grafted starch, acrylic acid grafted starch, polyacrylate, maleic anhydride-based copolymer, or combinations thereof.
14. A method according to Claim 12, wherein said absorbent structure comprises from about 0.5 gm-2 to about 600 gm-2 of said absorbent gelling material.
15. A layered absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and absorbing liquid in inanimate places, comprising a first layer and a second layer of fibrous material and a discontinuous intermediate layer between said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material, said discontinuous intermediate layer comprising carbon material and a water absorbing means, said discontinuous intermediate layer defining areas which are separated by bonding areas where said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material are bonded together.
16. A layered absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and absorbing liquid in inanimate places, comprising a first layer and a second layer of fibrous material and a discontinuous intermediate layer between said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material, (said discontinuous intermediate layer comprising an odour control means and a water absorbing means, said discontinuous intermediate layer defining areas separated by bonding areas where said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material are bonded together, said absorbent structure further comprising a means to provide a 'scent signal' in the form of a pleasant odour which signals the removal of odour during use of said absorbent structure.
17. A layered absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and

absorbing liquid in inanimate places, comprising a first layer and a second layer of fibrous material and a discontinuous intermediate layer between said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material, said discontinuous intermediate layer comprising an odour control means and a water absorbing means, said discontinuous intermediate layer defining areas separated by bonding areas where said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material are bonded together, said absorbent structure further comprising an attachment means.

18. An absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and absorbing liquid in inanimate places, said absorbent structure being in the form of a sheet and comprising an odour control means and having a water absorption capacity of at least about 0.06 grams per square cm, said absorbent structure being provided with antislipping properties.
19. An absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and absorbing liquid in inanimate places, said absorbent structure being in the form of a sheet and comprising an odour control means and having a water absorption capacity of at least about 0.06 grams per square cm, said absorbent structure being provided with an indicator which indicates the end of the lifetime of said absorbent structure.
20. A layered absorbent structure, particularly suitable for neutralizing odour and absorbing liquid in inanimate places, comprising a first layer and a second layer of fibrous material and a discontinuous intermediate layer between said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material, said discontinuous intermediate layer comprising an odour control means and a water absorbing means, said discontinuous intermediate layer defining areas separated by bonding areas where said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material are bonded together, said absorbent structure further comprising a backsheet overlaying said second layer of fibrous material on a side facing away from said intermediate layer.
21. An absorbent structure according to Claim 20, wherein said backsheet is impervious to liquid and air and/or water vapor permeable.
22. An absorbent structure according to Claim 20, wherein said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material extend beyond said discontinuous intermediate layer to form edge portions, said first layer and said second layer of fibrous material being bonded to each other along each of said edge portions as well as at said bonding areas.

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